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**PA 18-144—sSB 232**

*Veterans' Affairs Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER PERMITS FOR SPOUSES OF  
TRANSFERRED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**

**SUMMARY:** This act requires the State Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper application, to issue a “military spouse teacher permit” to certain military spouses who have taught for at least two years under an appropriate certificate issued by another state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. territory or possession, or Puerto Rico. The act applies to the spouse of any member of the armed forces who has received military orders to come to Connecticut.

Under the act, a military spouse teacher permit:

1. exempts the teacher from having to complete the Connecticut teacher education and mentoring program;
2. is valid for three years; and
3. may be renewed by the education commissioner for good cause upon the request of the superintendent for the school district employing the teacher.

The act also exempts military spouse teacher permit applicants from state law’s requirement to complete a course of study in special education, if they demonstrate equivalent knowledge in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. This exemption applies to applicants who successfully completed a teacher preparation program or an alternate route to certification program in, and hold an appropriate certificate issued by, the relevant jurisdiction.

Under the act, “armed forces” means the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, or any reserve component, including the National Guard performing duty under Title 32 of federal law (e.g., certain Homeland Security missions).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2018